

## **News Release**

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## Prosecuting Attorney seeks injunction to shut down alleged drug house

LĪHU'E – Prosecuting Attorney Justin F. Kollar announced the filing of a civil nuisance abatement action to shut down an alleged Kalāheo drug house.

The action alleges that the premises located at 3767 Waha Road and occupied by Rose K. Dahle, Darrick C. Banasihan, Robyn Dahle, and others, have a history of being associated with drug-dealing type activities and constitutes a nuisance.

The action seeks an order permanently prohibiting the persons causing the nuisance from entering into the premises. The action, brought by the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney's Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit, is the first of its type filed on Kaua'i pursuant to the nuisance abatement provisions of Hawai'i Revised Statutes Sections 712-1270 through 712-1280. A copy of the filed complaint is attached.

"For too long the drug houses in our community have posed a blight in our neighborhoods," stated Kollar. "We need to use all the tools at our disposal in order to address this important quality-of-life issue."

Since its creation, the Drug Nuisance Abatement Unit has successfully closed down and disrupted more than 20 drug houses on Kaua'i. In most situations, DNAU investigators are able to work with landlords and mortgage companies to address the problem property without the need to resort to litigation. The public can report drug houses in the community by calling 241-1888 or emailing <a href="mailto:prosecutor@kauai.gov">prosecutor@kauai.gov</a>.

